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Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission c/o KH Consulting Group P.O. Box 56447 Sherman Oaks, CA 91413

ATTN: Gayla Kraetsch Hartsough, Ph.D., Executive Director

This letter is respectfully submitted by the Westside Neighborhood Council (WNC)<sup>1</sup>, to supplement the letter dated July 12, 2021 that the WNC earlier submitted regarding its views relevant to the 2021 redistricting process undertaken by Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

For reference, the background regarding the boundaries and composition of the Westside Neighborhood Council is provided in Attachments # 1 with this letter.

On October 28, the LA County CRC announced for public review four possible redistricting maps,<sup>2</sup> each with different boundaries for the five supervisorial districts.

The WNC strongly supports proposed Los Angeles County Redistricting Map "D" because it best fulfills the basic objective set forth in the July 12, 2021 letter: having the entirety of all eight (8) neighborhood areas that comprise the WNC be located in one single supervisorial district.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://wncla.org

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://redistricting-lacounty.hub.arcgis.com/

Notwithstanding our support for Map "D", the WNC also believes that Maps "A" and "B" may also satisfy the goals of the WNC with modest adjustments. The larger objectives of Maps "A" and "B" would not be negatively impacted should the commission adjust the district lines for County district # 3 that would move all eight (8) of the neighborhoods that comprise the WNC northwest into that district, joining the WNC with our historically-connected neighboring communities south of the Santa Monica Mountains. The southern boundary line should be National Blvd., not Pico Blvd., to ensure that 100% of the WNC neighborhoods are within County district # 3.

We remind the LA County CRC that, currently, some portions of the WNC neighborhoods are located within County district no. 2 and some are located within County district no. 3. See attachment # 2 with this letter.

The background and rationale for this request from the WNC were delineated in the July 12, 2021 letter and continue to be our primary concerns. The goals of the WNC are straightforward and should be able to be addressed through simple tweaks not dissimilar to those agreed to on Sunday evening, November 7 in the first round of uncontested modifications.

The WNC acknowledges the importance of the entire panorama of concerns for the various regions of the largest county in the U.S. The WNC believes that the LA County CRC should look at the entirety and similarity of the concerns facing our westside communities, including the communities of West Los Angeles, Westdale, Sawtelle, Brentwood, Pacific Palisades as well as Westwood/North Westwood, Holmby Hills and Bel-Air. In addition there is a longstanding interconnectivity of Westside arteries and neighborhoods.

Further, the WNC requests that LA County CRC recognize the unity of interests served by the entire area of the WNC. The historical fact is that the core sections of the WNC area – together with the Westwood/North Westwood communities adjacent to the WNC to the north -- were established in the 1920s-1940s period as the anchor to the north – UCLA – began its evolution.

Many of the residents of the WNC area have had direct connections to UCLA (as faculty, staff and alumni/ae). Due to common bond, the WNC area is known for having a cohesive and holistic approach to its common interests – economic, commercial, cultural, educational and more.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this letter.

Sincerely, Jevi M. Lippet

Terri M. Tippit

Chair, Westside Neighborhood Council

cc: Board Members, Westside Neighborhood Council

# **Background re The Westside Neighborhood Council**

The Westside Neighborhood Council is a City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council established pursuant to City of Los Angeles Charter Measure 1 that was approved in the City election of June 1999. The most recent bylaws for the WNC were approved on February 2, 2021.

The boundaries of the WNC are defined in Section 1 of the bylaws:

- I. **NORTH** by Santa Monica Boulevard;
- II. **EAST** by a border including the properties fronting on the eastern side Century Park East from Santa Monica Boulevard to Pico Boulevard then westerly along Pico Boulevard then southerly along Motor Avenue then along Monte Mar Drive southeasterly then southerly along Anchor Avenue extending past Anchor Avenue's cul-de-sac to connect with Club Drive until Club Drive connects with National Boulevard;
- III. **SOUTH** by a border of National Boulevard extending from the San Diego Freeway (405) to Overland Boulevard, then southerly along Overland Boulevard to the Santa Monica Freeway (10), then easterly along the Santa Monica Freeway (10) to the National Boulevard exit; and
- IV. **WEST** by the San Diego Freeway (405).

The **residential** interests of households located within the WNC boundaries are represented by WNC seats filled by representatives of the following seven (7) homeowner associations, approximately shown on the first of the two attached City of Los Angeles maps:

### North of Pico Blvd:

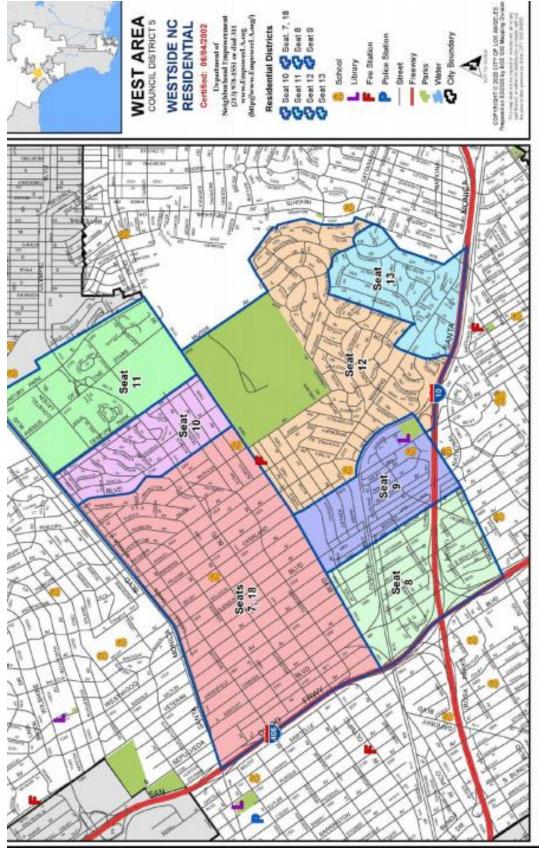
- 1. Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA (WNC seats 7, 18)
- 2. Overland Avenue Community HOA (WNC seats 7,18)
- 3. Century Glen HOA (WNC seat 10)
- 4. Century City Residential areas (WNC seat 11)

## **South of Pico Blvd.:**

- 1. West of Westwood HOA (WNC seat 8)
- 2. Westwood Gardens Civic Association (WNC seat 9)
- 3. Cheviot Hills HOA (WNC seat 12)
- 4. California Country Club Homes Association HOA (WNC seat 13)

The interests of **for-profit business** entities located within the WNC boundaries are represented by seven WNC seats filled by representatives from the areas shown on the second of the two attached maps (WNC seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 19).

The interests of **non-profit and other entities** located within the WNC boundaries are represented by four WNC seats filled by representatives appointed by local religious institutions (WNC seat 14), schools (WNC seat 15), other non-profit organizations (WNC seat 16) and at-large concerns (WNC seat 17).



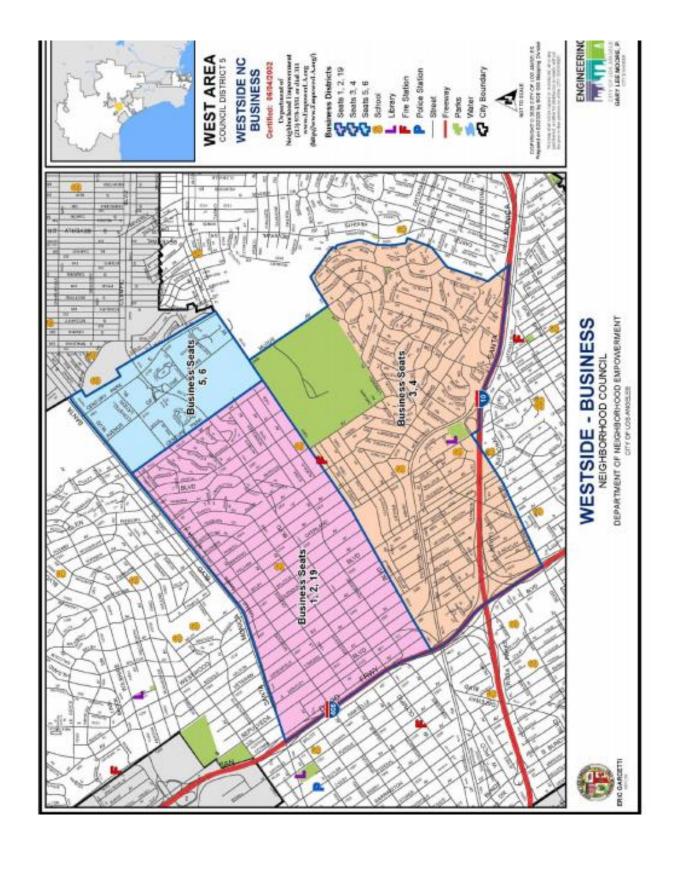


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# **Current Count of Los Angeles District Map**

